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Annual Utopia Film Festival 2007 To Feature Many Film Premieres

by Susan Gervasi

For anyone dreaming of being one of the first to see a film that might one day win an Oscar, Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2007 on Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28 could be the ticket. This year's Utopia – a volunteer project funded by non-profit Greenbelt Access Television and supported by a host of other sponsors – will include a number of premieres of fine documentaries, features and shorts.

"I'm very excited that we have received and are able to show so many premieres for Utopia 2007," said Utopia Executive Director Chris Haley, now in his second year of chairing the three-year-old festival. "I think this demonstrates our growth."

On Saturday, October 27 at noon the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center will host the world premiere of "At the Wall," a compelling account of a Philadelphia neighborhood's battle to integrate an all-white college in the turbulent 1960s. The same program includes the East Coast premiere of "Eli's Liquor Store," about cultural

identity in an L.A. neighborhood and the world premiere of the music video "Nankama," featuring a Washington, D.C.-based drum orchestra.

At 1:45 p.m. on Saturday the Old Greenbelt Theatre will also screen the East Coast premiere of "Subdivided," an investigation into the origins of suburbia. Later the story of a small Texas neighborhood's fight against McMansions will be shown.

City Building

Another venue on Saturday – the Greenbelt Municipal Building – will offer at 1:45 p.m. the D.C.-area premiere of "Nevelson: Awareness in the Fourth Dimension," a look at the life of flamboyant New York artist Louise Nevelson.

A grimmer subject, the highly addictive drug methedrine, will be the focus of the East Coast premiere of "American Meth," also Saturday at the Municipal Building, at 5 p.m. This documentary, narrated by actor Val Kilmer, explores methedrine's impact on communities in the American West.

Drugs are also a subject of "D.O.P.E.," one of several films premiering Saturday at Beltway Plaza Mall's Academy Stadium Theatre. The Academy Stadium program starts at 4 p.m. with the D.C.-area premiere of "Mother Jones: America's Most Dangerous Woman," about the life of the famed labor organizer. Special guests will introduce the film. The world premiere of "D.O.P.E." – the true story of four champion skateboarders who turn to drugs and crime – will follow at 6 p.m.

On a lighter note, those whose tastes run to the romantic should check out the East Coast premiere of "Greetings from the Shore," also at the Academy Stadium, at 8 p.m. Actor Paul Sorvino co-stars in this poignant drama of a grieving young woman's summer of intrigue and love on the Jersey shore.

And if it's a quirky British love story one is searching for, "Land's End" makes its U.S. premiere Saturday at 8 p.m. at

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Utopia Film Festival Salutes American "Labor Heroines"

by Marat Moore



Mary Harris "Mother" Jones seen in a coal strike in Trinidad, Colo., in 1914.

What do a famous labor agitator of the early 20th century and garment workers today in Los Angeles have in common? As it turns out, quite a lot – as is shown in two gripping documentaries being shown back-to-back as part of Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2007. The films will be introduced by guest speakers at 4 p.m. Saturday at its Beltway Plaza venue.

"Mother Jones, America's Most Dangerous Woman," a 25-minute film, tells the amazing tale of the Irish immigrant who

transformed personal tragedy in her early adult years into a life of passionate advocacy from middle age until her death at 93. She fought for the rights of the dispossessed in dozens of struggles across the United States – and into Mexico – including coal miners, children in the textile mills and countless other workers.

She spent her last years staying with a family in Prince George's County in what was then Hyattsville – now just over the Montgomery County line, on Powder Mill Road near New Hampshire Avenue. Mother Jones' historical marker at that spot is the only historical marker for a labor leader in Maryland.

The film focuses on the Ludlow Massacre in southern Colorado in 1914 and includes the only known footage of her ever filmed, which took place shortly before she died in 1930.

The film, produced and directed by labor historian Rosemary Feurer and Laura Vasquez, will be introduced by Saul Schneiderman – the foremost expert on Jones' years in Maryland and a

source for the film – will introduce the film, along with the author. The latter, truth be told, is a passionate admirer of Jones' life and principles, and as a former United Mineworkers of America (UMWA) organizer, was a founding member of the Daughters of Mother Jones during the Pittston strike of 1989-90, which is also depicted in the film. The speakers will also introduce the second film about the long struggle of California garment workers to improve their working conditions.

Latina Film

"Made in LA" is a richly textured 70-minute documentary that gives an intimate glimpse of three Latina immigrants working in garment sweatshops in Los Angeles. It chronicles the three-year effort for a union contract from the trendy retailer, Forever 21, and is a moving tribute to their painful struggles and triumphs – at work and at home.

Which brings up the common ground of the subjects in these two films: they were poor immigrants, they took tremendous personal risks to improve conditions for workers and they had the determination to fight to the end. When I watched the conclusion of "Made in LA," I realized that these women were among the true Daughters of Mother Jones.

Question: How to Match Services vs. Expenditures

We posed four questions to the seven candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 6. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to the fourth and final question:

List the city services for which you feel added expenditures are needed and those city services for which you feel expenditure cuts should be made? Do you expect such changes will increase or decrease city real estate tax levies?

Kelly Ivy



There are three departments that must be funded in order for the city to function: Police department, fire department and public works. As I have said consistently, all other departments need to be re-evaluated, reorganized and restructured to maximize their efficiency, productivity, true needs and cost. With reorganization and department responsibility there will be no new

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Acorns Limit Candidates' Points of View at Forum

by Robin Everly

The most "controversial" thing about the second city council candidates forum was not the candidates' stances on the evening's main topic, their views on environmental issues, but the "acorn system" established by the forum organizers to keep the candidates on point with their opinions and ideas. This forum was held on Thursday, October 11 at the Municipal Building with all seven

candidates in attendance. A full house of Greenbelt residents was eager to hear the candidates' views on environmental issues affecting Greenbelt. The forum was organized by the Greenbelt Environmental Voters' Project, a small group of citizens active in organizations concerned about all environmental issues affecting

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Williams to Hear Motions On Remaining ICC Issues

The second hearing related to lawsuits opposing the construction of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) undertaken by environmental groups will be heard Monday, October 29. Judge Alexander Williams will hold the hearing beginning at 10 a.m. in his courtroom at the U.S. District Court for Southern Maryland located at 6500 Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt. This suit was filed by Environmental Defense and the Sierra Club. It contends that the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) in approving construction of the ICC failed to properly

evaluate the effects of the proposed highway construction upon air quality as relates to particle pollution and toxic pollutants. The suit also contends that the FHA failed to consider federal requirements that transportation improvements minimize fuel consumption.

The FHA is seeking a summary judgment in its favor so that it may proceed with construction which has already begun. By agreement with the litigants, the State of Maryland Highway

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What Goes On

Friday, October 26

3:30 to 4 p.m., Halloween Costume Contest and Parade, Roosevelt Center in front of CURVES (for more local "Halloween Happenings," see page 6)

Saturday, October 27

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Tuesday, October 30

7:30 p.m., 4 Cities Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treat in Greenbelt

Thursday, November 1

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, October 30, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 31, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, November 1, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, October 29 through Friday, November 2 include:

Monday – Cranberry juice, chicken chow mein, chow mein noodles, fluffy white rice, Japanese style vegetables and orange slices.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatballs (six each), spaghetti and tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, garden salad with dressing, canned pears.

Wednesday – Orange juice, BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, cup cake with candy corn.

Thursday – Minestrone soup with crackers, sliced ham with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, asparagus tips, canned peaches.

Friday – Grape juice, hoagie with mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles, cup of potato salad, bag of pretzels, peach supreme.

GHI Notes

Saturday, October 27 – Forest Restoration Work Day, 10 a.m. to noon, 13 and 19 Courts Hillside Road

Wednesday, October 31 – 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 1 – 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors

All events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building unless otherwise noted. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

RCMA Holds Monday Candidate Forum

The Roosevelt Center Merchant Association (RCMA) will sponsor a City of Greenbelt Council Candidate Forum on Monday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building council meeting room on issues related to the Roosevelt Center, its businesses, community life and future sustainability. The RCMA will submit several questions to the candidates who can attend as well as several “pop” questions that will be asked at the forum.

Photo Club Display Reception Sunday

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will display artistic photographs by members of the Greenbelt Photo Club in a gallery exhibit running through February 3. The public is invited to attend a free reception Sunday, October 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. immediately following the 2 p.m. matinee of “Saving Us Saints.”

The Greenbelt Photo Club was started in 1997. It began as an opportunity for amateurs, professional photographers and photo enthusiasts to meet and discuss their work, share expertise, advance skills, learn how to curate exhibitions and explore exhibition possibilities within the fine arts community in Greenbelt.

The club currently has over 40 members and meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, in the Senior Room. The group has a different photo theme each month; they bring their photos and critique them for improvement. At other meetings they invite expert guests to speak or demonstrate different photo techniques. Membership is open to everyone.

Although this is the first exhibition for several of the members it will be the fourth photo show as a group and the second show in the Greenbelt area. The exhibit will give the wider community of Greenbelt the opportunity to see what the club is about and all the hidden talent that is right here in Greenbelt. The exhibit on display emphasizes variety just like the members of the club. Although some pictures may appear similar at first glance a closer look shows uniqueness. The exhibitors are: Frank Kayser, Bob Greene, Anita Woodruff, Diane Tuckman, Theresa Harrison, Linda Carter and Leslie Brothers.

For information email Woodruff at greenbeltphotoclub@yahoo.com.

Exploring Scotland

On Friday, November 2 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Pat and Cathie Brannan, who will talk about Scotland. They will give an overview of the past and present days of Scotland as well as the history, culture, cuisine and traditions.

The Brannans are originally from Glasgow, Scotland and came to Maryland 20 years ago to work at the University of Maryland. They have lived in Greenbelt for a majority of those 20 years. Both are now retired and enjoying all the opportunities that Greenbelt offers.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Verizon Cable Comes To Greenbelt East

Verizon has been operating a cable television system within Greenbelt since late September. It is located in just a small part of Greenbelt East and will be extended to the rest of Greenbelt in the coming months.

CARES Round-up

October 9 marked the 4th Annual Greenbelt Depression Screening. This year sites included Springhill Lake Elementary School, Beltway Plaza’s Giant Pharmacy and Green Ridge House where over 25 volunteers screened 57 clients ranging in age from 20 to 91. This year screening in Spanish was offered and Spanish-speaking volunteers assisted clients by performing assessments.

Forty-three percent of the clients screened at Giant and 33 percent of those at Green Ridge House required referrals and follow up. Statistics at the Giant Pharmacy showed 27 percent were highly likely to be diagnosed with post traumatic stress and depression, 30 percent were recommended to be evaluated for anxiety and 16 percent were recommended for an evaluation for bipolar disorder.

Green Ridge House’s statistics showed 0 percent for depression, 6 percent were recommended for evaluation for bipolar disorder, 13 percent for anxiety and 13 percent were likely to be diagnosed with post traumatic stress syndrome.

October 16 was the City of Greenbelt’s 8th Annual Health Fair. This year’s theme was “Rock Your Health.” Community partners included Washington Adventist Hospital, Doctors Community Hospital and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. A variety of free screenings were offered including vision screening, hearing, cholesterol, free mini massages, depression screening, blood pressure and vascular screenings. Flu and pneumonia shots were also given.

The opening session of an Anger Management Skills Training group was held with nine clients participating. The group will continue through early December.

CARES Director Liz Park was appointed to the Maryland General Assembly’s Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force. The task force will be co-chaired by Delegates Ana Sol Guitierrez and Doyle Neiman.

Disabilities Group Meets on Monday

The Greenbelt Disabilities Connection recently achieved Recognition Group status from the city. That status enables the Disabilities Connection to qualify for a meeting place without rental fee, along with other groups and organizations in the city.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be this Monday, October 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Ask at the main desk if help is needed to find the meeting room.

The agenda will deal with empowerment and continued discussion of how to attain the group’s organizational goals, as well as an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and social discussion. Come enjoy neighbors sympathetic to Disabilities Connection concerns and plan some fun.

Co-op to Hold Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., otherwise known as the Greenbelt Co-op, will hold its annual meeting Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. Items on the agenda include the Manager’s Report and elections for two positions on the Co-op Board. In addition, this year’s winner of the Jim Cassels Award for Community Service will be announced.

Although participating in the election is limited to voting members of the cooperative, the meeting is open to the public. Further information is available at the store or by calling 301-474-0522.

For more community events see page 8.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 5 p.m. Are **ONLY \$5.50**
Children, Seniors \$5.50
Adults \$7.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of October 26

FRI.
Kingdom, R (!)
12, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
Rendition, R (!)
12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
12, 12:40, 2:35, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:50, 9:15, 10:30
30 Days of Night, R (!)
1, 3:35, 6:45, 9:30
Saw 4, R (!)
12:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8, 10:15
Game Plan, PG (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
The Comebacks, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:35, 5:30, 8, 10:15

SAT.
Greenbelt Utopia Film Festival October 27
only in Auditorium #1
“Mother Jones: America’s Most Dangerous Woman” and “Made in LA”
4 p.m.
“D.O.P.E.” and “Division Problems”
6 p.m.
“Greetings from the Shore”
7:30 p.m.

Kingdom, R (!)
12:30, 4, 6, 7
Rendition, R (!)
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Kingdom, R (!)
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Rendition, R (!)
12:40, 3:30, 6:30
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
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30 Days of Night, R (!)
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Game Plan, PG (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
The Comebacks, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:35, 5:30, 8

MON. - THUR.
Kingdom, R (!)
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9
Rendition, R (!)
1:20, 4, 6:45, 9:20
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
1, 1:20, 3:40, 4, 6:20, 6:45, 8:50, 9:20
30 Days of Night, R (!)
1, 3:40, 6:15, 8:50
Saw 4, R (!)
1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9
Game Plan, PG (!)
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9
The Comebacks, PG-13 (!)
1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9

St. Hugh’s Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 3
10:00 am -3:00 pm

Sunday November 4
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

White Elephant

Cash Raffle

Silent Auction

More!!



135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

Obituaries

James B. Howard
Mr. James B. Howard died on October 15, 2007, after battling cancer. He was 79. He resided in Green Ridge House with his wife Mrs. Rita Howard.

“Interfaith Voices” Host Speaks

Maureen Fiedler, host of the “Interfaith Voices” public radio program (heard on WAMU 88.5 FM at 3 p.m. on Sundays) will offer a free 7 p.m. program on Sunday, October 28 titled “Many Paths, One Common Good: Interfaith Action for Social Justice Today,” at Greenbelt Community Church (at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads, 301-474-6171).


Fiedler will explore how interfaith collaboration for the common good is more politically important and spiritually fulfilling than ever before. Her presentation is sponsored by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA).

Botanic Garden Hosts Lecture on the Bay

The U.S. Botanic Garden presents a lecture “Chesapeake, Bay of Light: An Exploration of the Chesapeake Bay’s Wild and Forgotten Places” by Ian Plant, photographer, on Friday, November 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Four hundred years ago Captain John Smith began a voyage of exploration on the Chesapeake Bay. Teeming with abundant wildlife and containing some of the most beautiful landscapes in the Eastern United States, the Chesapeake’s seemingly endless shores inspired Smith then and continue to inspire visitors today. Following in the wake of Smith, Plant has explored the Chesapeake’s hidden and forgotten places to present a vision of the Chesapeake Bay as it has never been seen before.

Pre-registration is requested; call 202-225-1116 to register.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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This Saturday, Oct. 27
10:30 a.m. to Noon
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Our Neighbors

Our condolences to Mrs. Rita Howard of Green Ridge House on the death of her husband Jim Howard.

Congratulations

- to Jade Wexler, daughter of Larry Wexler and CARES longtime family counselor Wendy Wexler, on completing her Ph.D. in special education with a specialty in secondary literacy. The degree will be awarded by the University of Texas in Austin.
- to Greenbelter Byron Udegbe, a St. Hugh Catholic School eighth grader who was one of 15 students in the country to be awarded a Caroline D. Bradley scholarship. Students from 27 states and the District of Columbia were eligible. The scholarship will pay for four years tuition at any private high school in the nation.

Our best wishes to Will Ransom, 37, son of Rick and Barbara Ransom and nephew of Jon and Judy Bell, on receiving a kidney and pancreas transplant on October 14 at Duke University Hospi-

tal in Durham, N.C. Everything is going well and he should be out of the hospital this week.

We were glad to hear that News Review staffer Sue Krofchik is home from the hospital and on the mend.

It was exciting to see the pioneer Greenbelters assembled at the Clarice Smith Center on October 14 for the showing of “The City” and live performance of the Aaron Copland musical score. Bob Sommers, star of the Greenbelt portion of the film as a boy on his bike, was especially mentioned by the commentator and modestly waved to the crowd from a seat in the rear of the auditorium.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study


ALL are Welcome!

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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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7010 Glenn Dale Road
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Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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Learn About Islam

God is always there for us.

Whenever we feel lonely, when we feel no one cares, when we need someone to rely on, when no one has time for us, we should always remember God. He is always there for us, waiting for us to call on Him, so that He may give to us. He says, "When My servants ask concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them); I listen to the prayer of every caller when he calls on Me; let them also, with a will, listen to My call and believe in Me; that they may walk in the right way."

–The Holy Qur'an, 2:186

To learn more about Islam, please call 301-982-9463 or email us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

Guaneri Quartet Holds Open Rehearsal

On Monday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. the Guarneri String Quartet will hold a free open rehearsal. Now in its 26th year in residence at the School of Music, this legendary quartet continues its popular tradition of on-campus public rehearsals. This event will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Flu Clinics

In addition to flu shot clinics that were already held locally at Safeway, CVS and the city’s health fair, flu shots will be available at the following locations:

Greenbelt Co-op: October 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Giant Food, Beltway Plaza: October 29 from noon to 6 p.m.
CVS, Beltway Plaza: November 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am **Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

October 28, 10 a.m.
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by Carla Miller, director of Religious Exploration, with Michael Leger and Pallas Bane, worship associates
All ages – Come in costumes followed by Fall Fest.
– Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers





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Sunday 8:15 am	Worship Service
9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service



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Greenbelt Community Church

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
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Oct. 28: Heaven . . . The Ultimate Extreme Makeover

Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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City Information

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER
MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE ABSENTEE

This is the second municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you wish to be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates, and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early, or if you like the idea of voting by mail or using a paper ballot instead of a voting machine, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

First, request a ballot in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk’s office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City’s Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be received from Wednesday, October 17, until noon on Monday, November 5, 2007. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 6, 2007. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 17.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 6, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk’s office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under “Boards and Committees.”

Greenbelt CityLink
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Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
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Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th

9:00 a.m.-12: 00 p.m.

Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

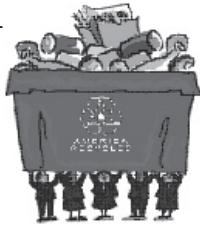
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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further information call 301-474-8308.

“WIN WITH YOUR BIN”

You can win prizes just by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next few weeks. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!



Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments. For more information call

the City Recycling
Office at 301-474-8308.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AT SOUTH ORA COURT (Off of Ora Glen Drive)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
BEGINNING AT 9:00AM

All are welcome. High School students can earn community service hours! Bring your forms!

This playground is partially being rebuilt through a grant from KABOOM and Home Depot. It was designed by the community, the Windsor Green Playground Committee and City Staff. KABOOM is a national organization which provides grants and training for a grassroots effort to build a playground within a ten minute walk of every child. For more information contact Bill Phelan at 240-542-2151 or bphelan@greenbeltmd.gov



NEW WEATHER & INFORMATION HOTLINE FOR THE GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT. FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AND FACILITY SCHEDULE CHANGES CALL

301-474-0646

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Wednesday, October 31 6:00-8:00pm

Residents wishing to participate in trick-or-treat are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door.

Notice of Charter

Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 24, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 3, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on November 13, 2007, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment

Resolution No. 2007-3

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 4, Titled “Creation; Qualifications; Compensation,” to Provide That The Mayor Shall Receive a Salary of \$12,000 per Annum and That the Other Members of the City Council Shall Each Receive a Salary of \$10,000 per Annum: The compensation to be paid to the members of the City Council is specified in Section 4 of the City Charter. Although Council compensation used to be increased approximately every four years, it has now been almost 18 years since the Charter was amended to provide for an increase. The resolution will raise the salary paid to the Mayor from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and the salary paid to each of the other members of Council from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This change will be effective with the incoming City Council to be elected on November 6.

For additional information, contact Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY JOB OPENING

Police Cadet: \$23,587/yr + benefits. To perform, as a Police officer trainee, routine field and clerical duties. Varied tasks including maintenance activities in and around police facilities, transportation, inventory of equipment and support of minor clerical functions; learn job related material primarily through oral instruction and observation. Min. requirements: 18-20 years of age; U.S. citizen; High School Diploma or equivalent; valid drivers license; vision correctable to 20/20; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions in the English language; ability to lift 50+ pounds 20 feet or more; work in variety of weather conditions; ability to walk, bend and kneel. Drug screen, background check, written exam and physical agility test scheduled for November.

Application required: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, call jobline 301-474-1872 or www.greenbeltmd.gov to download application. EOE.

MONSTER MASH TEEN DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7:00 PM—10:00 PM
At the Greenbelt Youth Center
For Those In 7th to 10th Grade.
Tickets are \$10 in Advanced
\$15 at the Door.

Come Dressed in your favorite costume!
The party will include a DJ, Games, Prizes,
Pizza, Drinks, and MORE!
Greenbelt Recreation Staff and a Greenbelt
Police Officer will chaperone. Call 301-397-
2200 to purchase your tickets by phone or
in person at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Halloween Happenings

Haunted Woods At Good Samaritan

The congregation and youth group of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Lanham will offer a haunted woods community event on Saturday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 31, starting each evening at 6 p.m. The event is to raise awareness for the hungry of the area. The haunted woods is free but those coming are asked to bring two cans of food for the church's hunger appeal. All are welcome and urged to bring two cans of food, though nobody will be turned away.

There will be free gifts, candy, roasting marshmallows and lots of fun! Costumes are optional. Food, chili, sodas, etc. will be available for sale by the youth group.

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church is at 10110 Greenbelt Road. For further information call 301-794-7300.

Trick or Treat Night At Beltway Plaza

Trick or Treat Night will be observed on Wednesday, October 31 at Beltway Plaza Mall from 6 to 7 p.m. Children can pick up a trick or treat bag at the mall offices while supplies last.

A costume contest at Center Court will begin at 7 p.m. Children 5 to 12 can compete. Prizes will be given.

Radio & TV Museum Has Halloween Exhibit

From Saturday, October 27 through Sunday, November 4 there will be a special Halloween exhibit on "Ghost Radio Stations" at the Radio & Television Museum in Bowie.

This special Halloween exhibit at the museum will have former radio stations emerging from their graves for visitors' enjoyment. The exhibit will include bumper stickers from dozens of radio stations that no longer exist, plus audio clips from many of those former stations.

Remember Washington area stations WGMS, WBMW, WEAM and WXTR? How about Baltimore stations WBSB, WGRX, and WHFS? Hear the voices of these ghost stations once again.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is free although donations are encouraged. The Radio & Television Museum is at 2608 Mitchellville Road in Bowie, telephone 301-390-1020, website: www.radiohistory.org. Visitors who indicate that they came to view the Ghost Station Exhibit will receive a discount on new museum memberships.

Scarecrow Stuffing

On Saturday, October 27 at West Court of Beltway Plaza Mall, scarecrow stuffing will be held. The activity begins at 1 p.m.

Greenbriar to Hold Kids' Halloween

Greenbriar will hold a children's Halloween event on Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free event for children ages 4 to 12, who are invited to join in fun and educational entertainment presented by Mad Science of Washington. This Spooktacular show of wicked brews, bubbling potions and special effects will take place in Greenbriar's Terrace Room.

All children will participate in a costume contest and make something gooey to take home.

Refreshments and treats will be provided.

Call 301-441-1096 for more information.

See Creepy Critters At Patuxent Refuge

A "Creepy Critters" Halloween event will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center. Discover the roles "creepy" animals play in the eco-system with live animals, exhibits, crafts and other fun activities – including the "Who's Afraid of the Little Brown Bat" puppet show and the premier showing of "A Fox Tale" puppet show. Discover if these "creepy animals" are really as scary as people think. No registration is necessary.



Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat in Greenbelt will be on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Those who wish to participate should turn on a porch light or tie something white on their door knobs.

Costume Parade And Contest Friday

A Halloween costume parade will take place on Friday, October 26 starting at 3:30 p.m. in front of CURVES. Following the parade there will be a costume contest with prizes awarded for different categories. Refreshments.

Aviation Museum Holds "Flight Night"

The College Park Aviation Museum presents its ninth annual "Flight Night" on Saturday, October 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Wear a costume for a fun-filled evening of arts and crafts, haunted hayrides and spooky fun. There is a fee.

Monster Mash Dance For Teens Saturday

A Monster Mash teen dance will be held by the city on Saturday, October 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The dance is for those in seventh to tenth grades.

People are asked to come dressed in their favorite costume. The party will include a DJ, games, prizes, pizza, drinks and more. Greenbelt Recreation staff and a Greenbelt police officer will chaperone.

There is a fee. To obtain tickets call 301-397-2200 or get them in person at Greenbelt Youth Center.

Haunted Woods & Halloween Fun All are Welcome!

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church
10110 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, MD
301-794-7300

Saturday, October 27, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 31, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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Chili, hot dogs and sodas for sale

2 cans food suggested donation for hunger relief

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- Uneven or unhealthy gums

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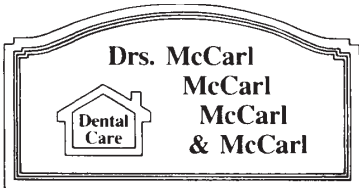


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ALL TICKETS \$5. Available at the door for each screening or event
\$25. Weekend Passes - includes admission to all films - ON SALE 10:00am - 3:00pm SAT
at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre Box Office

	City of Greenbelt Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road 2nd Floor • Council Chambers	Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road 2nd Floor • Multipurpose Room	P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway Roosevelt Center
SATURDAY			
Noon	Urban/Rural Landscapes 3 Experimental Films • 90 mins	A Balancing Act DOC • 79 mins • Marc Israel	Nankama Music Video • 6 mins • Genell Canty
	Eight short works by international artists explore the abstraction of moving images. Observation of a Satellite • 4 mins • Busti & Garrett Interstate (part one) • 6 mins • Cortland & Halperin Iceland • 4 mins • Fabiene Gautier London 6 • 5 mins • Chris Lynn Premonition • 10 mins • Dominic Angerame Berlin Warszawa Express • 19 mins Caroline Koebel Midden • 20 mins • David Dinnell I'm Back • 13 mins • Robert Robertson	Take a tour of Austin's acclaimed Museum of Ephemerata, soak up the madcap antics of Iowa City Optimist Club founder “Skutter,” rub intimate eyeballs with L.A.’s one and only “towel-face artist,” then scour and scrutinize the cities & jungles of Cambodia and Vietnam, all in search of a mysterious international motorbike balancing contest! More film descriptions can be found at www.utopiafilmfestival.org and in the Utopia Film Festival printed program.	DC-Area Filmmaker World Premiere! Eli’s Liquor Store Narrative • 18 mins Alonzo Jones, Arnold Chun & Yealee Song East Coast Premiere! At the Wall DOC • 33 mins • Bass & Munas World Premiere!
1:45pm	Artistic Visions 4 Films Celebrating Creativity		Americana Lost? DOC • 55 mins • Chris Billing
			DC-Area Filmmaker
2:00pm	From Fire: An Odyssey of Glass DOC • 12 mins • Karen Lavender	Short Stuff: 10 Short Films	Subdivided: Isolation & Community in America DOC • 49 mins • Dean Terry East Coast Premiere!
	Freedom Dance DOC/Animation • 25 mins Steven Fischer and Craig Herron Glimpse Animation • 9 mins • Dustin Grella Nevelson: Awareness in the Fourth Dimension DOC • 58 mins • Dale Schierholt DC-Area Premiere!	Abraham’s Bakery • 10 mins The Creatures From Outerspace • 6 mins Diva • 7 mins Honey I’m Home • 6 mins I Dream in Stereo • 4 mins Like Me • 6 mins Mr. Chen • 34 mins See Rock City • 30 mins Shoe Fly • 5 mins Stealing Free Beer • 7 mins	Beltway Plaza Mall ACADEMY 8 Stadium Theatres 6198 Greenbelt Road Theater 1
4:00pm		Filmmakers Forum and Mixer FREE and open to the public!	Mother Jones: America’s Most Dangerous Woman DOC • 24 mins Laura Vazquez & Rosemary Feurer DC-Area Premiere!
		Attending Filmmakers will be available to answer questions and discuss their films.	Made in L.A./Hecho en Los Angeles DOC • 70 mins Almudena Carracedo y Robert Bahar
5:00pm	American Meth DOC • 85 mins • Justin Hunt		
	East Coast Premiere!		
6:00pm		Docs in Progress 75 mins • Screening & Discussion	D.O.P.E. DOC • 60 mins
			Chris Ahern, Brian Stewart & Scott Yamamura World Premiere!
7:00pm	Bill’s Big Pumpkins DOC • 87 mins • Ryan Foss	See The Fixer a work-in-progress by DC-Area Filmmaker Aaron Rockett and participate in an interactive audience critique.	Division Problems DOC • 6 mins • Wide Angle Media DC-Area Filmmaker
	DC-Area Premiere!		
8:00pm		One Skin Animation • 10 mins • Gudrun Cram-Drach	Greetings From the Shore Narrative • 118 mins • Greg Chwerchak East Coast Premiere!
9:00pm	Happy Halloween! 9 Themed Shorts	Land’s End Narrative • 73 mins • Ruth Torjussen U.S. Premiere!	
	Code Blue • 7 mins • Still & Still • World Premiere! CYN • 5 mins • Alex Ferrari Dracula’s Mother • 15 mins • Awad & O’Sullivan A Dream • 5 mins • John Anderson Epicac • 21 mins • Will Tully • DC-Area Premiere! Feliz Cumpleaños • 19 mins • Roger Payano Grandma Goth • 20 mins • Deborah Hiestand Jesse Brown Show • 10 mins • Alan Haley Texas Chainsaw Musical • 5 mins • Morrell & Passante		P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway Roosevelt Center
SUNDAY	Municipal Building		
Noon	Komsomolsk mon Amor DOC • 55 mins • Alexander Gershtein, Thomas Lahusen & Tracy McDonald		Free Spirits: The Birth, Life and Loss of a New Age Dream DOC • 99 mins • Bruce Geisler DC-Area Premiere!
1:00pm	Big Bucks, Big Pharma DOC • 45 mins • Ronit Ridberg		
2:00pm	Frank, Jeffry, Benji & Me DOC • 26 mins • Joshua Wilkinson		In Good Conscience DOC • 82 mins • Barbara Rick
	The Mother Road DOC • 56 mins • Lauren Cardillo DC-Area Filmmaker		Sister Jeanine Gramick and Frank DeBernardo will host a Q&A following the screening.
4:00pm	The Price of Fuel Short • 3 mins • Quinn Wilson		
	Behind Forgotten Eyes DOC • 76 mins • Anthony Gilmore		

Community Events

The Dance Is November Artful Afternoon Theme

On Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 5 p.m., the November Greenbelt Artful Afternoon will feature “Thirst,” a dance performance by Jane Franklin Dance; a mixed media collage hands-on art project with contemporary African Artist Hussein Saidi; and the exhibition “Recent Relics.”

Attendees will get their fill of dance, art and community at the monthly Artful Afternoon at the Community Center.

From 1 to 3 p.m., participants can join in a hands-on art project using natural mixed media materials with Artist-in-residence Hussein Saidi. Then “Thirst,” a program of dances that explores the environment of instinct follows at 3 p.m. with Jane Franklin Dance, performed to music by Steven Reich.

Desire, need and craving are part of the basic instinct for humans and animals. The insistent, physical sensation of “Thirst” is the framework for this recent work. Reich’s musical language combines rigorous structures with propulsive rhythms and seductive instrumental color.

Art

Before the dance performance, from 1 to 3 p.m., Artist-in-residence Hussein Saidi’s hands-on art project continues with the theme of dance. Participants create mixed media collages incorporating prints of Saidi’s own work along with natural materials. In his own work Saidi combines traditional African themes with modern style. When he was a boy, as is typical of children in Tanzania, Saidi created his own toys out of found-objects. Saidi continues the process in his art, incorporating natural materials in his collages, reflecting his perceptions of the strong ties between humans and Earth. Saidi’s subjects focus on scenes from daily life in Africa or ujamaa, the Kiswahili word for cooperation, unity in family and in community life.

Dance

Northern Virginia-based Jane Franklin Dance invites participation. Since 1997 they have presented polished, nuanced works that combine dance, theater and humor. Dance workshops are implemented year round for chil-

dren, seniors and other specific populations. The choreography often incorporates community members with the professional dancers. Artists of different disciplines from poets to musicians to sculptors are brought in as collaborators. The performance is suitable for all ages. For more information visit www.janefranklin.com.

Other Programs

The Community Center offers hands-on art projects, performances, artists’ open studios, sculpture displays from past events and the Greenbelt Museum’s ongoing exhibit “Sublime On A Dime.” Museum tours are available at nominal cost. These award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department with support from the Maryland State Arts Council. Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information about Artful Afternoons and other upcoming events and classes, visit www.greenbeltdm.gov/arts or call Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

Recent Relics

In conjunction with the Greenbelt Museum, the Community Center Gallery displays “Recent Relics,” giving viewers the opportunity to solve the riddles posed by mysterious artifacts of a by-gone era. Visitors are challenged to see how many objects they can correctly identify. The exhibit will remain on display through November 25. The Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, whenever the room is not reserved. To confirm access call 301-397-2208.

Other Activities

Additional activities continuing through the afternoon include open studios with artists working in painting, collage, sculpture, fiber arts, tiles, pottery and more, with artwork available for purchase. Participants can visit the Greenbelt Museum’s new, ongoing exhibition “Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II.”



“A Different Angle,” mixed media collage by contemporary African artist Hussein Saidi.

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– October 26 from 8am to 2pm
at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt
– November 2 from 9am to 1pm
at Al-Solutions, 10001 Derekwood Lane, Lanham
– November 4 from noon to 5pm
at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Greenbelt
Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

City Awarded \$1,000 for Recycling Effort

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt has received an award for making improvements at its recycling centers. Neal Barnett, chair of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC), received the award, a check for \$1,000 and a banner of congratulations, on behalf of the city at the city council meeting on October 22. Abitibi Consolidated, the company that provides the bins and pickup service at the city’s recycling drop-off centers in Buddy Attick Park and on Hanover Drive sponsored a challenge to its customers to increase recycling efforts from May through August 2006 by 20 to 40 percent over the same time period last year. Paula Reed of Abitibi Consolidated presented the award and congratulated the city on the impressive improvement of 210 percent at the recycling drop-off center on Hanover Drive where more than 79 tons of paper were collected during the four months of the contest.

Barnett took the opportunity of speaking before council to remind residents of Greenbelt that there will be an electronics recycling



PHOTOS BY BEVERLY PALAU

Neal Barnett of REAC accepts a recycling award from Paula Reed of Abitibi Consolidated. Will Smith of REAC and Cindi Murray, recycling coordinator, join councilmembers for the occasion.

day on Saturday, October 27. Televisions are now accepted at these events. He also said the annual Recycle Right campaign will occur this year from October 29 through November 16. Recycling bins will be observed during

this period on four city recycling routes for compliance with the rules of recycling. Winners on each route will receive special recycling bins labeled “Winner 2007 Recycle Right” with the property address.

City Notes

Public Works received two Prince George’s County Beautification Awards for 2007 – one for Buddy Attick Park and one for Southway Road entrance medians.

Special details crew worked on repairing the campaign sign posts and maintaining the signs.

Refuse/recycling staff William Smith and Nathaniel Rozier conducted the annual Lake Clean-Up event at Buddy Attick Park on October 13, where seven bags of trash and four bags of recycling were collected from the shoreline.

Recreation staff reports the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club held a special election to fill four vacancies on its current board. Christine Bailey, Anthony Murray, Sheila Lindsay and Cheryl West were voted in as the newest board members. The annual election for the club will be held in December.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 1, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM

7:00 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Wood Picket Fence, 1G Westway
- Bamboo and Invasive Species Removal, 52 Court Ridge
- 2008 budget – 1st Reading
- Contract for Cleaning Services – 1st Reading
- 2008 Tree Maintenance Contract – 1st Reading
- Bids for Van Purchase – 2nd Reading
- Contract for Sewer Repairs at 37 Court Ridge – 2nd Reading
- Strategic Plan

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Greenbelt Arts Center

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Latina garment workers are picketing in LA

the Greenbelt Community Center. This offbeat import tells the story of a young mother dealing with postpartum depression and a cheating husband, when she escapes her bad marriage with the help of two homeless strangers.

Sunday Shows

Sunday, October 28 will also include a slew of Utopia 2007 premieres.

Starting at noon, the P&G Old Greenbelt will host the East Coast premiere of “Free Spirits: The Birth, Life & Loss of a New Age Dream,” which documents the rise and fall of a 1960s Massachusetts hippie commune led by a charismatic but ultimately flawed leader. Then, at 2 p.m., the Old Greenbelt will host the Prince George’s County premiere of “In Good Conscience,” about a controversial Prince George’s County nun who ministers to gays and lesbians despite Vatican objections. This screening will be highlighted by a Q&A with Sister Jeannine Gramick after the film.

Sunday’s offerings will also include the D.C.-area premiere of the gripping documentary “Be-

hind Forgotten Eyes,” which has just won a best film award in the “conflict and resolution” category of the prestigious Hamp-ton International Film Festival. The hard-hitting film, which will screen at the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 4 p.m., reveals the hidden story of Korean women used as sex slaves by the WWII Japanese military. It examines how governments, including the United States, have dealt with this horrific episode.

Local Works

Along with these many premieres, Utopia is proud to screen a number of local filmmakers’ works, including “Freedom Dance” by Baltimore-based filmmakers Steven Fischer and Craig Herron, “Americana Lost?” by D.C.-based filmmaker Chris Billing, “Feliz Cumpleanos” by D.C.-based filmmaker Roger Payano, “The Mother Road” by Alexandria-based filmmaker Lauren Cardillo and “Like Me” by Greenbelt’s own Joe Harris.

“We feel it’s important to spotlight some of the amazing works which are homegrown,” said Utopia Programming Chair Erica Ginsberg, who will lead “Docs in Progress,” a workshop in which audience members interact with filmmakers by critiquing their works-in-progress.

“The Utopia Film Festival has really come into its own for the Festival’s third year,” said Utopia webmaster Joe Gareri. “After sifting through hundreds of entries, the festival committee had the difficult task of narrowing down the films to the 43 being shown. It is exciting to see films from all over the world as well as local films made in familiar surroundings. There really is something for everyone.”

Halloween Shows

That “everyone” includes Halloween buffs, who will be treated to a special Saturday night 9 p.m. screening at the Municipal Building of spooky and spoofy shorts, including “Dracula’s Mother,” “Texas Chainsaw Musical” and “Grandma Goth.” The world premiere of funny/scary “Code Blue” – a painfully humorous view of the insurance industry – is also part of the Halloween lineup.

“This year’s Utopia Film Festival is shaping up to be just as interesting and eclectic as our 2005 and 2006 editions,” said Utopia Committee member Tom White. “The Festival Committee, led by Chris Haley, has come up with a program that will provoke, move, entertain and educate audiences in

Voting Task Force Bowie State Hearing

The Task Force on Voting Irregularities will hold its first public hearing on Monday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Bowie State University, Thurgood Marshall Library, 2nd floor. The public is invited to speak to the members of the task force to share their experiences and any problems they may have encountered when voting in the 2006 primary and general election.

the basic Greenbelt tradition.”

There is a fee for all film programs – which may include more than one movie – A pass good for all-programs-all-weekend will be on sale at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 27.

Complete schedule information and pricing can be found on the Utopia Festival website, www.utopiafilmfestival.org.

Susan Gervasi serves as Utopia 2007’s publicity chairperson.

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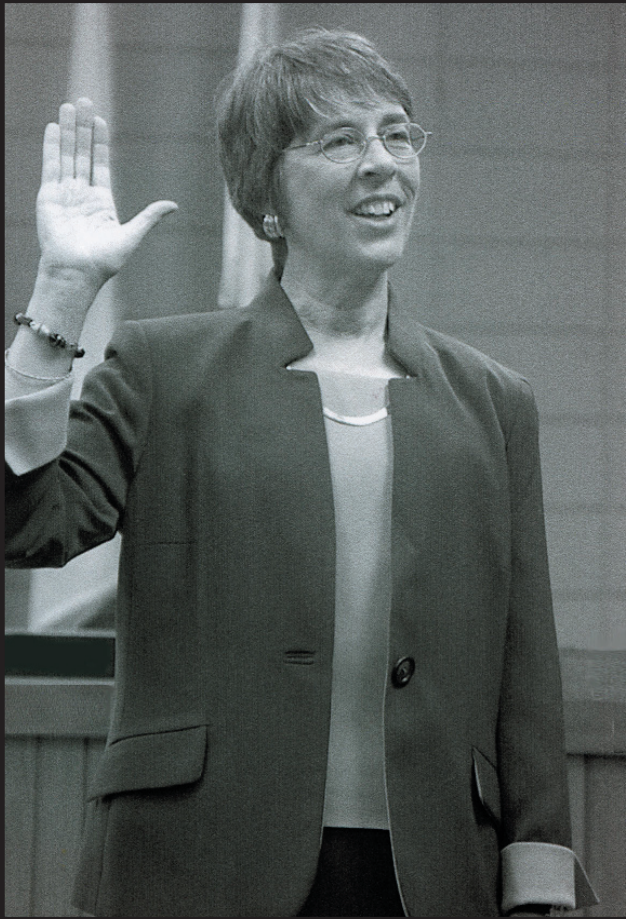
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Auth.: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

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our city such as clean water and air, land conservation and issues of sustainability with regard to buildings and transportation. Representing that group were Susan Barnett, Maggie Cahalan, Steve Kane and Alan Turnbull.

Turnbull also served as moderator for the evening, explaining the ground rules for the evening’s forum. First he explained the candidates were told possible subject areas that might be asked but not the actual questions. Also, in interest of time and so no “curve-ball questions” would be asked to any one candidate, questions were not going to be taken from the audience.

Acorns

And to finish promptly at 9 p.m., the organizers implemented the “acorn system” in which each candidate was given a total of 15 acorns with each acorn representing 30 seconds of time to answer a particular question. If a candidate wanted more time he/she needed to put another acorn in a bowl or put several acorns at one time in the bowl if they knew they wanted to spend more time on a question. This system has been used in the past for forums with GHI board candidates but it was the first time used for the city council candidates and it showed. While the candidates seemed to get a hang of the system by the second hour of the forum, during the first hour, in fairness to the candidates there were “acorn checks” and explanations how they could use their acorns.

All candidates were considered of who dropped an acorn in their bowl first, which meant she or he was ready to speak. And the mood was positive. Toward the end of the evening, when incumbent Konrad Herling was running out of acorns, other candidates offered to give him theirs, which was against the rules. The audience and candidates took the whole idea of “keeping on message” in stride and it made for a somewhat confusing but interesting evening, especially when the candidates began answering the questions.

Question

The first question posed to each candidate was to explain one environmental initiative that holds particular appeal to him or her. It could be taken from any aspect of one’s life and in particular to use an example that “you can claim some degree of personal involvement in bringing about.”

Ed Putens mentioned his involvement in a tree planting project where he lives in Greenbrook Estates. How when he got on the board for Greenbrook, 10 years ago, he initiated the replanting of 300 trees in his neighborhood because many trees were either taken down when the development was built or died soon afterward. Incumbent Konrad Herling mentioned his support of a state sponsored container deposit law or “bottle bill.” These laws have been shown to reduce the amount of trash on the sides of highways. Challenger Kelly Ivy agreed with Herling’s proposal because he feels “money is the root of saving energy,” while he is in support of the environment, he also believes that sometimes an economic incentive is needed for people to support an environmental change.

Both challenger Ruth Kastner and incumbent Rodney Roberts

mentioned their involvement with the Committee to Save the Green Belt which was a successful effort that resulted in the city acquiring 184 acres of woodland, including part of the original green belt. Both were leaders in this citizen-led campaign.

Mayor Judith Davis noted the effort that went into the city’s recent recognition as a “Tree City USA” and also not allowing Indian Creek, the stream near the Greenbelt Metro station, to become a “cement riverwalk” when this idea was proposed. She stated that, “Greenbelt can be at the forefront of environmental issues.”

Finally, incumbent Leta Mach talked about her involvement with Clean Air Partners, educating the public and working with children to reduce air pollution and care about the environment.

All the candidates care and, at times, spoke eloquently about their thoughts on environmental issues facing the city. With some issues the candidates were all in agreement. All answered “yes” to the question of supporting “adopting organic land care standards by January 2010” for managing the city’s horticultural plantings, playing field and open spaces. When asked whether Greenbelt should become a “Cool City,” again they answered “yes.” Cool Cities is a two year campaign to encourage cities to adopt smart energy solutions that save money and build a cleaner, safer future. In joining this campaign, Greenbelt would commit to reducing its emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

ICC

All candidates also oppose the Intercounty Connector (ICC) highway. Some recommended Greenbelt residents pack the Federal District courtroom in Greenbelt October 29 where a lawsuit on the highway is currently being reviewed. After noting how city neighborhoods are broken up by major highways and therefore, not easily accessible by walking or biking the candidates were asked if they would support improving pedestrian and cycling access between neighborhood. All were supportive of this idea.

On other questions posed by the organizers, the candidates expressed varying viewpoints to a solution but not a definite yes or no answer. When the candidates were asked if they would support a Greenbelt ban on plastic bags as is being considered in Annapolis and has been enacted in San Francisco because of the large amount found during stream clean ups, their answers varied. Kastner said paper bags are not the solution either. Ivy likes to use cloth bags, not plastic. Davis said that it is an interesting concept and we would need to see how it would affect retail stores. Mach said she is not sure this is the whole problem and she also sees a lot of other debris retrieved during the clean ups. Both Putens and Herling suggested the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee should get involved in the issue. Roberts felt this would need to be a statewide initiative in order to be effective.

On the Map

The last question of the evening was “What would you most like to do to put Greenbelt on the map – a high visibility city law or act or program that would set us ahead of other localities in the region and help pull other

communities along by example?” Ivy mentioned supporting the Cool Cities initiative. Kastner talked about a long term goal of seeing Greenbelt getting its energy from other than electricity. She would like to see the city’s homes and businesses running on an “off the grid feeder system” or being entirely “off the grid” and not having to rely on power generated by greenhouse producing sources.

Roberts talked about promoting the ideas and concepts that went into creating the original Greenbelt, that our city was originally “the ultimate smart growth.” Herling mentioned addressing some of the ideas that were discussed at the recent Greener Greenbelt charrette. Mach supports the building of the Purple Line, a light rail system that would run parallel to the Beltway from Bethesda to New Carrollton and the city using more alternative fuel sources. Davis talked about using green building techniques for the new Public Works building and improving the water quality of Greenbelt Lake. She also mentioned that the city does not have planning or development authority right now. These decisions are made at the county level, she said. Ways need to be figured out Davis continued, to deal with these limitations in order to accomplish needed environmental changes.

Putens, who was the first person to speak, concluded the forum by saying briefly he agreed with everyone’s ideas. He mentioned the school resource officer program as an example of Greenbelt leading the way in the region.

Fitness Awards Seek Nominees

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness is accepting applications for the third annual Physical Activity Excellence Awards.

Eligible to receive the award are individuals, organizations, agencies, schools, communities and businesses in Maryland whose dedication, vision and service are exemplary in having helped increase physical activity among Maryland residents.

Applications are available online at www.marylandfitness.org and are due by December 1. Nominations may be made by anyone who knows the nominee’s accomplishments. The application is one page and must be accompanied by two references.

For the first time, the council will recognize one individual and one group winner in each of the three age categories: youth (17 and under), adult (18-49 years) and older adult (50 and older). Winners of the award will be presented with state proclamations during a ceremony in Annapolis in January.

Past award recipients include the Towson University/Baltimore City Senior Fitness Project, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Carroll County Project ACES, McCormick & Company and Senior Fit of Montgomery County.

For more information call Ann Walsh, staff person to the Maryland State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness at 410-767-5283 or email AWalsh@dhmh.state.md.us.

Absentee Ballots Available to All

Registered voters may come to the city offices during office hours until noon on Monday, November 5 to pick up an absentee ballot. Vote right then or take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 6.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with the new electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

Co. School Officials Report No Staph

There are no confirmed cases of Staph reported in Prince George’s County public schools, according to spokesperson John White. “As a preventive measure, we began using hospital-grade disinfectant this week to clean all middle school and high school locker room and shower facilities. Personal hygiene continues to be the key,” he reported.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
October 17, 2:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was in his residence when he answered a knock at his door. He saw five people, one armed with a knife. They forcibly entered the residence, removed property and fled the scene. Among the items taken were a video game player, a laptop computer and clothing. The suspects are described as four black males, 18 to 24 years of age, and a black female 18 to 24 years of age.

Indecent Exposure
October 12, 12:41 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman reported that she was in the Old Greenbelt Theatre when she observed a man expose himself. He then fled the scene via the fire door exit. The suspect is described as a white male 30 to 40 years of age, 5'2" to 5'6", 140 to 160 pounds with black hair in a mullet-type style, wearing a long-sleeved T-shirt, possibly pink in color and long pants.

Drug Arrests
October 15, 5:55 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after an officer on bike patrol detected the odor of what she believed to be marijuana. She then observed the man smoking something and saw him throw the object down upon seeing her. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.
October 19, 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia. A traffic stop was initiated when a computer check

of her tag revealed that she had an outstanding warrant through Prince George's County for theft over \$500. She was also found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. The woman was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Disorderly Conduct
October 13, 3:38 a.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was told to leave Jasper's Restaurant for violating the rules of the establishment. He left but returned a short time later and was arrested when he attempted to engage in a fight with an employee. The man was released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption
October 12, 5:07 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities and trespass when a school resource officer found him on school grounds during a football game after he had been banned from the property by school administrators. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

False Report
October 16, in reference to a kidnapping reported September 14 in Roosevelt Center, investigation revealed that it was a false report and that no kidnapping had taken place.

Trespass
October 14, 2:49 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident youth was arrested for trespass after he was observed inside the mall after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice

Homicide
At approximately 5:12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24 police responded to a report of a sexual assault at a residence in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace. The female victim reported that she shot the suspect. Police located the body of an adult male in a bedroom in the residence having received what appeared to be a single gunshot wound to the chest. A handgun was recovered from the scene; it is believed that the suspect and victim are known to each other. The female victim was transported to the hospital for evaluation. Identification of the man is pending notification of the next of kin.

Theft
October 17, 6:51 a.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) dismantled a commercial air conditioning unit and removed the copper piping.

Vandalism
October 14, 9:03 a.m., Crescent Road and Gardenway, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti at the bus stop.

Vehicle Crimes
No vehicles were reported stolen. One stolen tag was recovered by Greenbelt police.
Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (three incidents), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 6500 block Lake Park Drive, 26 Court Ridge Road, 7600 block Greenbrook Drive and 8000 block Mandan Road.

Second Motion by Orleans Denied by Circuit Court

by Thomas X. White

William Orleans, who had filed nominating petitions along with a deficient affidavit for his candidacy for a city council position in the upcoming election, has failed a second time in having the Prince George's Circuit Court overturn the action by the Greenbelt city clerk not to certify him as a candidate in the election.

The basis for the city clerk's decision on September 24 was that the affidavit filed by Orleans failed to include a "residence address" as required by Section 8-12 of the City Code. Orleans appealed the clerk's decision to the Greenbelt Board of Elections. The board, at a hearing held on October 2, denied his appeal by a unanimous vote.

On October 10 Orleans filed with the Circuit Court of Prince George's County an emergency motion to reconsider that was heard by Judge Albert W. Northrop on October 11. Since Orleans' filing had failed to follow the applicable Maryland rules, one of which was the failure to provide notice to the defendant, City of Greenbelt, Judge Northrop issued an order denying the plaintiff's request on procedural grounds.

In a second effort to persuade the Circuit Court to consider the substance of his complaint, Orleans filed a new emergency motion to reconsider on October 16 which was heard the following day. In this filing Orleans requested again that the court recognize his residence status, order Greenbelt to do likewise and

place his name on the ballot. Orleans again failed, however, to properly notify the city because he faxed a copy of his motion to the city solicitor's office rather than delivering the filing to the defendant, providing a copy of the documents at his home or mailing the papers via certified mail. According to the rules, service via facsimile (fax) is not permitted.

Opposition Filing
In spite of the deficient filing procedure, the city solicitor did file in opposition to the plaintiff's emergency motion to reconsider. The solicitor offered arguments supporting the decisions made by the city clerk and the board of elections in regard to the denial of candidacy for Orleans for failing to file the appropriate affidavit with his nominating petitions. The city solicitor also argued that any alleged harm that plaintiff may have incurred in this process resulted of his own actions or inactions.

Although there was no separate written order by the judge, he penned a note onto the copy of Orleans' motion, to wit: "Note, this (the motion) is not signed and, technically, the certificate of service is deficient. The motion is denied in any event."

On Wednesday, October 24 Orleans told the News Review that he has filed an appeal of the Circuit Court ruling to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals and is intending to follow-up that filing with an additional filing on the substantive issues.

M-NCPPC Taps Oscar Rodriguez

Oscar S. Rodriguez has been appointed executive director of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Rodriguez will also serve as chief administrative officer of the regional agency charged with conducting land use planning and acquiring and preserving parkland and open space in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, as well as directing the public recreation program in Prince George's County. The bi-county agency employs over 2,000 career staff and more than 5,000 seasonal employees and operates under a \$345 million budget.

Rodriguez, with more than 25 years of experience in city management and government administration, is currently the director of resource management for the District of Columbia, heading the city administrator's office. He has served the District in various executive positions since 2005.

Rodriguez has also served in Latin America and several international organizations including the World Bank and the United Nations as municipal, financial and organizational development advisor.

Performing Arts Center Offers Video Program

Tuesday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. Peter Flaherty will present work focusing on the interrelation of personal and political histories and the contrast between organic and synthetic textures within the inherently electronic frame of digital video. This event will take place in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

UM Student Concert Competition Begins

On Saturday, November 3 at noon the UM School of Music holds the 2007 UMSO concerto competition prelims. Students perform six-minute excerpts of a concerto or concert piece, most with piano accompaniment, for an independent jury panel. Seven to 10 performers will be chosen to compete in the November 9 finals. This free event takes place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

How to Safeguard Children from Unsafe Toys

In response to public inquiries concerning recent toy recalls, the Prince George's County Health Department's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) recommends some action for parents.

1. Check each of the following websites for lists of recalled (unsafe) toys:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pre-rel/category/toy.html>
<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/Recalls/toys.htm>
<http://www.mattel.com/safety/us/>
<http://www.recalls.gov/>
<http://www.cpsc.gov/>
2. Keep the identified recalled toys away from the children under one's care.
3. Do not try to modify, sand, cut or repair the recalled lead painted toys. Repainting a lead-painted toy may not eliminate the lead safety hazard and should not be done.

Nov. 1 School Board Meeting Rescheduled

The Prince George's County Board of Education announces that the board worksession scheduled for next Thursday, November 1 has been rescheduled to a board meeting on Monday, November 12.

The meeting will convene at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Sasscer Administration Building, located at 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

All persons interested in speaking must register with the Office of the Board of Education by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308.

All speakers will be given three minutes to give their testimony.

4. Recalled toys should be discarded, they should not be given to anyone.

Remember: Ingestion of dust and paint chips from surfaces painted with Lead Based Paint (LBP) is still the primary cause of childhood lead poisoning. If a home or day care facility (private home or day care center) was built prior to 1978, the building should be tested for lead paint.

Children under the age of six must be tested/screened for lead exposure. The Prince George's County LPPP provides free blood lead testing to all uninsured children under the age of six who are residents of Prince George's County.

For more information or for free lead testing call Ali Golshiri, lead specialist at 301-883-7662 or Wendy Boone, public health nurse at 301-883-7538.

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Authority: Alla Lake, Treasurer

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tax increases!



Konrad Herling

My goal is to assure that we do everything possible to make sure that every citizen gets the “biggest bang for the buck.” During the period of budget review, fellow Greenbelters propose ideas to save monies from our budget. However, most proposals, would not make a significant dent in our budget. If we were to cut a penny or two on the property tax rate, the impact could translate to a reduction in important services in public safety, recreation, public works, or social services.

I recognize the fact that the percentage of our \$22 million budget derived from property taxes has increased through the years. My fellow citizens have made that clear. This past year, it rose from 61 percent to 64 percent. This is why I propose that we fully explore other means of raising additional revenues which are derived from securing more grants, and from a greater number of users of our amenities, such as the Aquatic Fitness center, responding to an effective marketing strategy. I have proposed that the City hire a marketing director for just this reason. Given the increase in the city’s office vacancy rate, it would behoove the City to approach the private sector to consider becoming partners in the costs of marketing, as it would benefit the private sector as well. Filled office spaces yield more revenue.

The City must play a more pro-active role in the development of the Roosevelt Center, to create the right atmosphere necessary to attract new merchants for the three vacant office spaces, the 8,000 square feet formerly run by the Post Office, and to help secure grants to help the Café “right its ship.” A stronger Roosevelt Center translates to more dollars for its commercial interests, the City, and potentially, less reliance on our citizens’ property taxes.



Edward Putens

A political issue has been made about our tax rate, but people are forgetting that the voters themselves have made the biggest decisions impacting the tax rate. Much of our great progress in recent years was purchased through bond issues passed by Greenbelt voters.

In 1985 people voted to buy Parcel 1, build an indoor pool, renovate the outdoor pool, and build a new police station. (Es-

timated tax impact: 23 cents per \$100.) In 1989 they voted for a Community Center and developing Schrom Hills Park. (Estimated impact: 14 cents.) In 2001 people voted for a new Public Works Building, renovating the Utopia Theater, and roadway safety improvements. In the last election, voters gave police officers collective bargaining rights, which resulted in the tax increase for this year. Please note: Successive Councils have actually reduced much of the tax impact of these decisions by taking money from reserves, refinancing bond issue debt, and other measures to avoid taxing the fully authorized amount.

I believe objective analysis would show that our City government wastes few tax dollars, thanks to good management and motivated City employees. We will never be a low-tax City because citizens want to preserve the Greenbelt Legacy. We will continue to preserve our history and environment, buy green space, help seniors stay in their homes, operate community recreation facilities, support organizations providing recreation opportunities for our children, and sustain a family counseling service. We don’t call it “Greenbelt Cares” for nothing.

I hope recent higher assessments allow Council to avoid a tax increase next year, or even lower the tax rate. Unless Greenbelters decide to dilute the Greenbelt Legacy by reducing services, however, I can’t support doing that. Based on my 26 years on the Council, I think they don’t want that. “Greenbelt is great” for a reason.



Leta Mach

Greenbelt is known for its services. Employees provide these in a competent and efficient manner. Each year departments reevaluate their goals and recommend changes through the budgeting process. Council and citizens then review and comment in numerous meetings.

Departments themselves have identified programs to change such as different recreational programming and outsourcing lawn and tree care. Some proposals have caused concern such as putting trash cans close to the street. In these cases, the city will make exceptions for those who need it.

Generally, we do a lot with a little. More help would always be welcome, but additions should be carefully weighed. A few years ago, we added the GAIL program to help our seniors. Another case manager is needed for this program. After care-

fully considering the cost, council funded the position mid-year in this budget. We will need to see how this works before deciding whether additional support is needed.

Even though the number of seniors and their needs is growing, we must not neglect our youngest citizens. The 2000 census indicated that 25 percent of Greenbelters are under 18. To serve this population, we should accelerate our playground program. We have a real opportunity to fund this with grants such as the KaBoom playground grant that I identified earlier this year.

To enhance public safety, we should seek grants for technology and equipment or phase in the programs. Due to factors such as illness, the police force is not always working at full strength. Supplementing the force with retired police could address this problem at a lower cost. We can also have developers pay for additional police.

Grants, public/private partnerships and taxes will be needed to support these services. However, the impact on people of limited-income should be ameliorated by a city homeowners tax credit that I support.



Judith Davis

Many City services could use added funding. The following should be considered:

- 1) Expand senior, teen, family, and crisis intervention counseling to meet increasing demand.
- 2) Upgrade Police Department equipment.
- 3) Increase police presence through bike and foot patrols.
- 4) Provide recreational activities that attract older teens.
- 5) Expand traffic calming measures throughout the City.
- 6) Provide a City property tax credit that will piggyback on the current State program for low-income homeowners.
- 7) Enforce code compliance in Roosevelt Center and Springhill Lake Apartments to the greatest degree.
- 8) Expand the City’s already diverse recycling services to include fluorescent light bulbs.
- 9) Install bike racks at the Roosevelt Center.
- 10) Evaluate our walkway system to ensure seamless and safe pedestrian access.
- 11) Inspect any commercial establishment that offers animals for sale.
- 12) Increase the number of City bus shelters.

Expenditures should be cut to those services that are underutilized and inefficient. City management and Council have

consistently done this in previous budgets. Every year Council holds numerous budget hearings to gather citizen input. When citizens point out that certain services are no longer relevant or productive, those programs are and will be eliminated. What has become evident is that the services the City provides are essential to the well-being of our citizens, the effectiveness of our City management, and the quality of life unique to Greenbelt.

These changes should not increase the City real estate tax rate if the next Council examines every line item of future proposed budgets, looks for additional revenue sources, and expects the highest efficiency level in all departments. I have done this in the past and will continue to do so if re-elected.



Rodney Roberts

During the adoption of the last budget (08), I supported a citizens’ petition asking Council not to increase the real estate property tax rate because the City was already going to receive a 10 percent increase due to higher assessment increases. Since the city will be receiving this 10 percent increase for at least the next few years, I see no need to cut existing services; nor to increase the tax rate. To increase City revenues, I favor limiting residential growth in favor of commercial development, because commercial provides much more revenue and requires far fewer services. One city department that I would like to see better funded is Greenbelt Cares. I see Greenbelt Cares as a vital link to public safety and for providing better senior services.



Ruth Kastner

This past year, Council approved yet another tax rate increase, on top of dramatically increasing home assessments for many Greenbelt residents. Citizens attending budget public hearings (myself included) provided many suggestions for how to trim expenditures, none of which was adopted by Council. Many of these suggestions involved economizing without actually cutting any services. As a member of Council I would work hard to prevent further tax rate increases. For example, I advocate a citizen budget task force that would explore ways to lower costs and increase efficient use of revenues across all departments. The task force’s recommendations to Council would be crafted with the

benefit of ongoing open review and comment from citizens. We cannot continue to raise the tax rate when residents are already dealing with hugely increased assessments.

Proof that our resourceful city staff can find numerous ways to economize is found in the Oct. 11 News Review article on the new Public Works facility. According to the article, nearly \$1 million was shaved off costs, many of the savings coming from the use of “green” measures such as using recycled materials instead of new ones.

One of my funding priorities is long-overdue maintenance to bring Greenbelt Lake back to a state of health. This might be possible through efficient reallocation of existing funds, or through environmental grants or low-interest loans.

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Administration has agreed to limit construction work pending the rendering of a decision expected to be within two weeks of this hearing.

A second suit filed by the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States and others was heard by Williams on October 1 relating to the Clean Water and National Environmental Policy Act.

Williams has indicated his wish to render rulings on both suits at the same time.

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Museum Celebrates Past 20 Years with Chautauqua Panel Discussion

by Jill St. John

On Sunday October 21 the Greenbelt Museum celebrated its 20th anniversary by holding a Chautauqua or panel discussion with some of the founding members of the museum. Both Mayor Judith Davis and Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner read proclamations celebrating the accomplishments of the museum over the past 20 years. Also in attendance was City Councilmember Konrad Herling and 25 guests.

Dr. Mary Corbin Sies, a former board member of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), moderated the discussion. The panel was made up of five members: Mary Linstrom, founding member; Barbara Havekost, founding member; Jim Giese, former city manager; Sandra Lange, founding member; and Katie Scott-Childress, former curator. Panel members talked about the struggles to organize and build support for the effort and to get the fledgling museum operating.

Dorothy Sucher, the visionary who proposed the idea of creating the Greenbelt Museum in 1972, was unable to attend but did send along some thoughts. Sucher wrote, “The idea, (to start a museum) once I’d thought of it, seemed obvious. The town was built during a fascinating period of American history. The Great Depression, the New Deal, early concepts of city planning and the cooperative movement had all played a part in the creation of Greenbelt. The art of the period was interesting too, including Art Deco, furniture design, folk music and radio and could all come together for interesting and educational exhibits.”

It took the catalyst of Greenbelt’s 50th anniversary to get the concept of a museum focused. In 1985 the 50th anniversary committee formed a museum committee. To help with fundraising efforts and ensure the economic viability of the project, the committee formed the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, which would be the nonprofit fundraising arm of the museum. Both FOGM and museum committee members worked diligently to get community and city council support for their undertaking. There were those in the community that were not in favor of creating a museum. Mary Linstrom recalls being booed at the Labor Day Parade because she was working for the creation of a museum. Sandra Lange discussed how the museum was to be a permanent result of all of the activities done for Greenbelt’s 50th anniversary. She felt very proud to have been involved with such a successful organization.

In 1985 several owners of strategically placed GHI residences were asked if they would consider selling their home to the city, so a house museum could be created. Jim Giese recalls discussions with the city council on how to pay for the GHI unit. After discussion, the city council decided to “borrow” the money from themselves over a five year period. In 1986 the home at 10B Crescent Road was secured and renovations were made to restore its historic appearance. As part of GHI’s rehab that took place in the early 1980s, many of the original historic elements had been removed and had to be reinstalled. Barbara Havekost remembers organizing the “Center Bums” to help with a lot

of the restoration at the museum. In addition, she worked to make sure valuable objects such as pieces of original Greenbelt furniture were stored by the city until the museum was able to open. The Greenbelt Museum opened its doors in October 1987 as part of Greenbelt’s 50th anniversary celebration.

The Greenbelt Museum has consistently operated according to best museum practices. To that end, the museum has undertaken several self-studies, called Museum Assessment Programs, through the American Association of Museums. The museum strives to operate with the highest professional and ethical standards. A long term goal for the museum is to get formal accreditation through the association.

A major component of becoming an accredited organization is the hiring of professional staff. Ann Denkler was the first staff person for the museum when she started in 1994. Her position was paid for through fundraising



Chautauqua panel members from left to right are Jim Giese, Sandra Lange, Barbara Havekost, Dr. Mary Corbin Sies, Mary Linstrom and Katie Scott-Childress. — photo by Beverly Palau

campaigns by FOGM. Katie Scott-Childress was the second staff person. Scott-Childress discussed how one of her goals was to increase the professionalism of the museum. During her tenure, she secured funding through the Maryland Historical Trust and

the City of Greenbelt to make the curator position a full-time city employee, upgraded the exhibit space in the Community Center and successfully applied for a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant to fund a second staff position for the

museum. Today the museum is operated by FOGM in partnership with the City of Greenbelt. The museum operates the historic home at 10B Crescent Road, provides tours to visitors and residents, installs rotating exhibits in the Greenbelt Community Center and is a resource for scholars studying a wide variety of topics including garden cities, planned communities, cooperatives and the New Deal.

Jill St. John is the Greenbelt Museum curator.

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Town Hall Meeting to Look at Global Warming

by Steve Kane

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7 concerned citizens, scientists and elected officials will gather at the Greenbelt Elementary School for an interactive “Town Hall” meeting to discuss the impacts of and solutions to global warming in Maryland. The Greenbelt Town Hall meeting will highlight the impacts of global warming on Maryland and the need to support a strong commitment to reducing it.

The meeting is a response to a Commission on Climate Change created by Governor Martin O’Malley to determine what actions Maryland should take to address global warming. The commission, established in April, will recommend a target pollution reduction level in November.

Maryland is particularly sensitive to the effects of climate change. According to a report by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland with its 3,100 miles of tidal shoreline has the third most vulnerable coastline in the country to sea level rise.

Marylanders are already beginning to feel the effects of global warming. Sea level rise is causing flooding in low-lying coastal communities. More intense storms are damaging beachfront properties and causing insurance rates to rise.

And severe droughts are hurting Maryland farmers. Last month the Metropolitan Council of Governments found that the Maryland suburbs – often stereotyped as green-leaning and blue-voting – produce more carbon dioxide than either the Virginia suburbs or the District. The study also determined that the DC area produces more carbon dioxide than several medium-size



PHOTO BY MARK CHRISTAL

Mayor Judith Davis speaking at the last January 9 Town Hall Meeting on Global Warming and the Clean Cars Bill at Greenbelt Elementary School.

European countries.

The highlight of the evening will be a talk by Chris Barnet, Ph.D., an atmospheric scientist who resides in Greenbelt. He will present a slideshow entitled “Understanding Global Warming: Where does it come from? What can you do?”

Several other local climate change scientists will compose a panel of experts who will answer questions about global warming. The program will begin with Mayor Judith F. Davis talking about how Greenbelt has been sensitive to its environmental impact and what in particular the city has been doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the major cause of global warming.

Senate Action

Among other speakers, Paul Pinsky, our district’s state senator, who plans to introduce a strong science-based Global Warming Solutions Bill in the State Senate early next year, will speak about the specifics of this legislation and how important he thinks it is to make sure the General Assembly passes and the governor signs a bill that calls for a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse

gas emission by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050.

Many other local elected officials will be on hand to answer questions. In addition, several local environmental organizations will have exhibits at the event.

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) is presenting this event. GCAN is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to build local grassroots support to educate the public about global warming and to help promote changes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including lobbying for legislation. Last January GCAN did its part to help pass Maryland’s Clean Car Act by holding a similar Town Hall Meeting in Greenbelt that attracted 230 attendees.

Go to www.greenbeltclimate-action.org for more detailed information and up-to-date news about the Town Hall Meeting or email Steve Kane, sr.kane@verizon.net. Greenbelt Elementary School is located at 66 Ridge Road. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The author Steve Kane is the Coordinator of Greenbelt’s Climate Action Network.

PGCPS Students Do More AP Work

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) continue to experience a dramatic increase in the number of high school students engaged in college-level coursework. In spring 2007 PGCPS students completed 1,065 more Advanced Placement (AP) examinations than in 2006 - an increase of more than 25 percent in one year and the highest number of examinations turned in by PGCPS students in the last five years. Many students take more than one AP class and related test.

“In this global economy, college-ready and work-ready are essentially the same thing and our students are accepting the challenge of college-level work,” said Board of Education Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr. “We will continue providing the opportunities and support that students need to be successful in rigorous courses that can prepare them to achieve their dreams.”

Over the last five years, the trend in PGCPS is upward for the total number of students taking AP exams, upward for the number taking the exams in each of the racial groups tracked and upward for both males and females. Average test scores have remained fairly level over the same five years.

College Credit

The College Board administers the Advanced Placement Program, including teacher training. The College Board trained 300 AP teachers in PGCPS last year in preparation for the school system’s new AP8 initiative. When schools opened in August, every Prince George’s County public high school offered at least eight core AP courses. PGCPS also covers the cost of taking AP exams thus removing any financial barrier.

With qualifying AP exam grades, students can earn college credit at most colleges and universities in the U.S. and in more than 40 other countries. At many of these institutions, students can earn up to a full year of college credit resulting in sophomore standing. Individual colleges and universities determine and grant course credit and placement.

“Children having access to college-level coursework is no longer an accident of geography,” said Superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy. “We look forward to even greater participation this school year as we prepare every child to succeed in college and pursue the career of their choice.”

School by school data and other details are posted on the PGCPS website at www.pgcps.org.

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“Saving Us Saints” Opens Friday at GAC

by Edith Beauchamp

A strong grandmother, matriarch of a typical family with some recognizable problems, helps her family in some unexpected ways in the entertaining new play opening on Friday, October 26 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. “Saving Us Saints” is an original play by local D.C. writer Dorothy Phaire who simultaneously has a new book – a romantic murder mystery – just released this month.

Music and a strong sense of humor keep this show moving and fun as the play realistically addresses some tough issues: teen peer pressure, a family struggling to raise their gifted teenage daughter, an unexpected baby on the way, job pressures, sexual infidelity in marriage and issues of faith. Unexpected plot twists, the right mix of comedy and the jazz styling of one of the leading actresses engage audiences of all ages. Phaire wrote the play specifically for young people and their parents and it has debuted on two college campuses: the University of the District of Columbia where she teaches and also at the University of Maryland.

The cast includes student actors and some with professional credits, some with Greenbelt area ties and others from DC, Baltimore and Virginia. Lead



Actress Billie Taylor

actress Billie Taylor works by day at the FCC with Arts Center founder and City Councilmember Konrad Herling. She is a former member of the DC Black Repertory Company and performed a dramatic role in a radio documentary aired on D.C. station WOL. A teen role was cast with a recent graduate of Parkdale High School. Archie Williams, who is playing the male lead for the first time in this run, is a well-known Baltimore actor, who plays a district commander in the HBO television hit, “The Wire,” and has appeared at several Baltimore theaters.

“Saving Us Saints” will be performed six times over two weekends, on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with the final



Writer Dorothy Phaire

performance on November 4. Reservations are encouraged by calling 301-441-8770.

Dorothy Phaire says her purpose in writing this play “is to provide a ‘slice of life’ showing real-life issues that people face (e.g. peer pressure/infidelity) with a moral underlying message. My intention is not to sermonize but instead be a source of spiritual as well as social discussion. For instance, in addition to simply having a good time at the performance, I hope audiences will think about problems facing young people today, such as following the wrong crowd into drugs, alcohol or pre-marital sex as well as adult frustrations in marital relationships.”

The author is an at-large member of the GAC board.

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